

## REMARKS

By the present amendment, claims 3 and 18 have been canceled, and the subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1.

In addition, the specification has been amended to specify the priority information indicated on the Official Filing Receipt.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

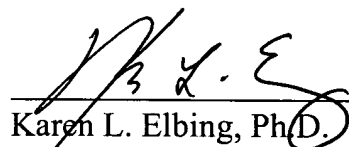
## CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition of allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Although no charges are believed to be due, if there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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